

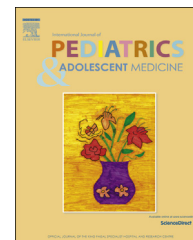
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EDITORIAL

Welcome to our new journal: The International Journal of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine (IJPAM)

Welcome to the first issue of The International Journal of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine (IJPAM). This new journal will be dedicated to publishing manuscripts in all areas of child and adolescent medicine.

IJPAM is an international, peer-reviewed, open-access journal that provides a vehicle for the publication of high-quality research on all aspects of medical care for children and adolescents with a focus on manuscripts from countries whose research may be under-represented in the current literature.

The content of the journal will also reflect the growing interest in leadership practice and healthcare quality improvement (QI) research in pediatrics. The journal aims to fulfill the need for a standardized, consensus-driven approach to common pediatrics and adolescent problems.

Our goal is for IJPAM to represent the full spectrum of scientific and clinical work that pediatricians and scientists are currently engaged in today and to highlight areas of future growth in the field. IJPAM will be published on a quarterly basis by the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre (KFSHRC) Publication(s) Office, and an online version will be published by Elsevier. IJPAM will join the ranks of the two other leading journals in the region that are currently published by the KFSHRC Publication(s) Office: *The Annals of Saudi Medicine* and *Hematology/Oncology and Stem Cell Therapy*.

Authors and readers can look forward to an engaging publication, a robust online journal with features and tools to assist in article discovery, and a solid commitment to outstanding service. The editorial board of IJPAM includes many national and international leaders in the field of pediatrics.

On a personal note, I am honored and thrilled to serve as the first Editor in Chief of this new journal. I invite you to join me in making IJPAM a valuable and informative resource for practitioners in our field. Along with the Editorial Board members, I have relished the opportunity to develop this new journal, and I anticipate that the journal will continuously evolve and rapidly respond to the changing needs of our field and more importantly the needs of our readers.

We appreciate the continued support from the leadership of the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre, Academic Affairs personnel, Department of Pediatrics, The Director of the Institute for Healthcare Quality Research and Education/USA and the Elsevier team who have worked with us diligently over the past year to make this journal a reality.

We have welcomed the input of our members who have contributed manuscripts and invested significant time and effort to reviewing and editing manuscripts. We have also taken into account the many suggestions we have received regarding content, subjects, and format. We look forward to further contributions and suggestions, as our goal is to make IJPAM a journal that continues to represent and support the interests and the work of our members and readership.

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